



The Society Page

The e-Newsletter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Council of Pittsburgh

Saying Thank You & Goodbye to Linda Kilderry

"A man comes into the house hopeless, afraid, alone. Watching him make a plan, grow, join this supportive family - that was the most rewarding part."

Linda Kilderry has been a part of the Michael's Place Home of Hope and Recovery since the very start. As the founding Director, Linda played a vital role in developing the program, securing funding and grants, and even relocating the program when the original building was torn down for the construction of the new Penguins arena. But the most important part of her time at Michael's Place was as witness to the growth and empowerment of over 300 men who walked through the doors.



This month, Linda retired as Director of Michael's Place. She took a few moments to reflect on her time with the Society.

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Donate Your Old or Unwanted Clothes Today!

We need your help! Clothing, linen, and shoe donations are needed on an ongoing basis to help our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet -- **and lately donations have been down.**

Many clothing donation bins throughout our community (e.g. the yellow Planet Aid boxes) are maintained by for-profit companies and organizations who give very little, if anything, back to the local community. All clothing donations to Saint Vincent de Paul help local people in need.



All donations are put to good use. Excess clothing, not distributed to people in need, is sold at our local Saint Vincent de Paul thrift store or recycled. 100% of the proceeds from these sales are then utilized to help local people needing assistance with utility bills, food, furniture, transportation, prescription medication, and housing.

Look for the **BLUE** Saint Vincent de Paul donation bin in your area! If you have a larger clothing, linen, or shoe donation (more than 10 bags or boxes), please contact our donation department to schedule a pickup at 412.321.1071 (x-1).

For a list of current donation box locations, please click [here](#).

We are always looking for new donation box locations in the Pittsburgh area. If you are interested in

hosting a donation box at your parish or business, read more [here](#).

2017 Friends of the Poor Walk

Once again this year, *The Friends of the Poor 10,000 Step Walk* will take place in September. Last year, 42 conferences participated, raising a total of \$63,000 to assist local families in need.

The Friends of the Poor 10,000 Step Walk is designed to meet the busy schedules of people who care about their community and want to help others. Instead of scheduling the Walk on one specific day, during a specific time, at a central location, The Friends of the Poor Walk allows participants to CHOOSE the day (or days), time, and location to walk that is most convenient during the month of September.



100% of the money raised stays with the local parish conference.

As an added incentive, a percentage of the total sponsorship dollars will be divided equally among participating conferences to help meet the needs of the poor in your community.

We are looking for companies that would be interested in sponsoring this year's Walk. There are a variety of opportunities to highlight your company's support – ranging from logo and name recognition on all Walk signage to acknowledgement at our Annual Bishop's Mass & Brunch with Bishop David Zubik on October 8, 2017. **For more information regarding benefits, [click here](#).**

If your company is interested in sponsoring this year's Walk, please contact [Brittany Barnicott](#) at 412.321.1071 (x-202) or email her by clicking [here](#).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Partners With The Human Coalition, Inc.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul recently partnered with The Human Coalition, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides supportive resources and services to pregnant women and their families.

After a local family, facing an unintended pregnancy, discovered they were expecting triplets, they sought the assistance of the Human Coalition's Continuum of Care Program, based out of the Women's Care Clinic of Pittsburgh.



The Human Coalition helped Monica and Derek secure new housing for themselves and their three young children; however, the apartment was unfurnished and all five of them (including Monica, who is pregnant with triplets) were sleeping on the floor.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provided new beds for each of the children as well as mom and dad, helping to make their new house a home! They are now preparing to welcome three new beautiful bundles of joy to their family in early Spring.

Sleep Like A Saint Mattress Promotion Extended Through End of April!

Desperate for a comfortable, uninterrupted, peaceful night of sleep? Sleep like a Saint when you buy a quality, affordable mattress from St. Vincent de Paul!

Through April 30th, buy a mattress set (mattress + boxspring) at any Pittsburgh area St. Vincent de Paul thrift store and we'll deliver it to your home -- **for free!** In addition, our **Memory Foam & Double-Sided Pillowtop Queen Sets are on sale for \$280** (normal price: \$310 & \$330, respectively)! Each bed comes with a 5-year unconditional warranty.



Not only are our mattresses great quality and affordable, they are also eco-friendly. Our beds are supplied by Chicago Mattress Company, an organization that acquires high quality beds from hotel chains, colleges, and retail distributors. They take out everything except the core or springs and rebuild the mattress so that it meets the high standards (both in quality and safety) of new mattresses and box springs. Over 85% of all bedding they acquire is reused, and approximately 90% of what they can't reuse is recycled elsewhere.

Mattresses are available at Pittsburgh area St. Vincent de Paul stores in four varieties: Plus, Quilt, Memory Foam, and Double-sided Pillowtop.

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